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Twin Churches
New Germany
Private

Mt. Beulah Church - 1882
Trinity Church - c.1879

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Both are single-story, 3 bay by 3 bay gable end facade frame churches covered with German siding and face southeast.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY ^{ML} 201775608**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Twin Churches

AND/OR COMMON

Trinity Church and Mt. Beulah Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Twin Churches Road, N side, approx. 1/2 mile W of Lower New Germany Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

New Germany

☒ VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Board of Trustees for the respective churches Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Both are single-story, 3 bay by 3 bay gable end facade frame churches covered with German siding and face southeast.

The Trinity Church has a simple spire steeple resting on a small square base. The church rests on a recent concrete block foundation. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. It is distinguished from Mt. Beulah Church by its stained glass windows. All windows have slightly pedimented heads, including the transom over the central entrance.

A small gable roofed addition is located at the rear, northwest elevation.

The Mt. Beulah Church is relatively unaltered and features a prominent central facade tower resembling a lighthouse. It is interrupted at the entrance level by 3 arches supported by squared tuscan columns. The tower's pyramidal roof is surmounted by a pyramidal roofed cupola with square windows on each side. The facade of the tower features a circular 4-pane window under which is mounted a sign, which reads "Mount Beulah - 1882 - New Germany-United Methodist."

The church rests on a coursed roughly squared stone foundation and has no basement. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal.

A small 3-sided apse projects from the rear, northwest elevation. The shutters have been removed, but the hinges remain.

The church is lit by 4/4 sash arched windows which are pegged.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Trinity Church c.1879 BUILDER/ARCHITECT
Mt. Beulah Church 1882

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Twin Churches are significant as the social and religious center for the New Germany area of Garrett County - a function that has been maintained for over one-hundred years.

Jacob Brown in his 1896 Brown's Miscellaneous Writings, describes a July picnic at "twin churches" in 1892. "The picnic was held in a beautiful grove held by the Reform Church, the other being only a stone's throw distant, and the two are as much alike as two buildings can be - both neat and comfortable for worshipers. The occasion was in the interest of the Sunday Schools of the two congregations, which acted as a unit." (Brown, p. 260).

John and Catharine Bancord, land owners in this area and members of the Mt. Beulah Congregation, gave land for the construction of both churches: Trinity Church in 1879 and Mount Beulah Church in 1883. Samuel D. Gutzy and Christian J. Otto were the first trustees of Trinity Church. John Bancord, Henry Crow, Josephus Broadwater, Amos Broadwater, Charles Durst, Madison Durst, and Samuel Wiland were the first trustees of Mt. Beulah Church. Descendants fo these original trustees direct the churches today.

Jacob Brown described the people of New Germany in 1892 - the description is timeless: "...New Germany is not more than an average of the northern part of Garrett County, city folks would wonder greatly at all this progress and improvement in the county, and it would be profitable for them to see what they know so little of." (Brown, p. 260)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brown, Jacob. Brown's Miscellaneous Writings. Cumberland, MD.: J.J. Miller ,
1896. (1976 reprint by Bicentennial Committee of Garrett County, MD).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

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STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Trinity Church
Chain of Title

21 October 1879 - deed - liber 4, folio 526

Grantee: Samuel D. Gutzy, and Christian J. Otto, Trustees of Trinity
Congregation of the Reformed Church

Grantor: John and Catharine Bancord

Mount Beulah Church
Chain of Title

14 December 1979 - deed liber: 410, folio: 469
Grantee: Clarence Clark, Zella Broadwater, Paul Wiland, and Wayne Durst,
trustees for Mount Beulah Church
Grantor: Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the
United Methodist Church
Consideration: \$2,500.00
Acreage: 1.5 acres

In 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church merged with the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South to form the Methodist Church and in 1968 the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the United Methodist Church.

"...pursuant to a resolution adopted by the regular 1976 meeting of the W.VA. Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church...have declared said church property to be discontinued and abandoned, and authorized and directed the parties of the first part herein to sell said property."

(metes and bounds given)

"Said grant and conveyance is expressly made for the purpose of vesting title in the parties of the second part and contemporaneously establishing a trust relationship and a trust fund whereby maintenance and perpetual care shall be provided by the parties of the second part...."

"...a majority of the acting Trustees may at any time cause the Mount Beulah Church Building to be razed..."

27 April 1883 - deed liber: 7, folio: 416
Grantee: John Bancord, Henry Crow, Josephus Broadwater, Amos Broadwater, Charles Durst, Madison Durst, and Samuel Wiland, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Mount Beulah Church at New Germany.
Grantor: John Bancord and Catharine Bancord

*Jacob Brown. Brown's Miscellaneous Writings. J. J. Miller,
Cumberland, Md., 1896. (1976 reprint by Bicentennial
Committee of Garrett County, Maryland)*

formed that the wild animals had invaded the consecrated enclosure and burrowed down to the very relics in some of the graves. Quite lately a faithful correspondent writes the report was quite true. He also sent the lettering upon the monuments which will be interesting reading to many readers. The inscriptions are as follows: Jesse Tomlinson, died Dec. 17, 1840, age 87 years; Elizabeth, his wife, Jan. 6, 1841, age 84; Joseph, a son, died 1824, age 38; John L., a son, May 3, 1832, 29 years; Sarah Sides, a daughter, Jan. 5, 1839, age 51; and her husband, Jacob Sides, died Aug. 4, 1830, in Ohio, age 49; Rachel Bruce, wife of Geo. Bruce, Aug. 3, 1842, 53 years; Wm. A. Bruce, a son, died in Ohio, 1838, 21 years; Rebecca Beall, a daughter of Jesse Tomlinson, Aug. 17, 1847, age 64; and her husband, Isaac Beall, April, 4, 1850, age 75; Annie Bruce, sister of George, Dec. 20, 1846, age 60 years; Louisa Sides, third daughter of Jacob and Sarah, June 30, 1843 at 14 hurried years—bright, amiable and faultless. A class-mate at the Little Meadows Academy saw her fragile form sink in the earth with a sorrowful heart. Her only brother, Aaron, died April 2, 1848, at 23 years—ambitious, promising and modest, but with a frail constitution. He too for years a fellow student at different schools. The other three Tomlinson sons rest respectively in Kentucky, Washington, Pa., and near this city.

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A PICNIC AT THE "TWIN CHURCHES" IN
NEW GERMANY.

A desire to see kindred and some old friends brought us to the vicinity of New Germany quite recently and found the neighbors all anxious and busy in arranging for a picnic to be held on the 1st of July at the "twin churches" (Reform and Methodist) in New Germany. An invitation to be taken there was readily accepted, and quite glad we were in being there, on many accounts other than meeting old acquaintances. The affair was not only a very pleasant one, but quite creditable to the organizers, and all who participated in it. The utmost propriety, good behavior and spirit prevailed throughout. No disorder whatever. In fact the large assemblage knew how to conduct themselves and proved it by their acts. The dancing platform

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The pic-nic was held in a beautiful grove hard by the Reform church, the other being only a stone's throw distant, and the two are as much alike as two buildings can be—both neat and comfortable for worshipers. The occasion was in the interest of the Sunday Schools of the two congregations, which acted as a unit. Excellent and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. M. Evans, of Salisbury, Pa., on the part of the Reform element, and Rev. Enlow, of Grantsville, on the part of the Methodist—two very bright, efficient, intelligent and promising young ministers. They are doing much good in their respective spheres.

The music, vocal and instrumental, the church organ being utilized, was very good, much above what might have been expected on such an occasion and place. The choirs of the two churches sang as a unit and showed the effects of training and practice. Quite a number of good voices of each sex was observed. Most of the families in the neighborhood have an organ with daughters and sons to operate them. There was not less than 50 vehicles of different kinds upon the ground.

We had the pleasure of riding behind a pair of match blacks, suitable for any purpose from the superb coach down to the corn-field. The edibles were abundant, choice and of variety, indeed more like a banquet than a pic-nic.

The chief promoters of the affair were C. J. Otto, Ross Compton, Commissioner Fresh, the Warnicks, Samuel S. Durst and others.

Still New Germany is not more than an average of the northern part of Garrett county, city folks would wonder greatly at all this progress and improvement in the county, and it would be profitable for them to see what they know so little of.

I nearly overlooked an interesting incident to ourself at least. After the clergy had handed over the programme to the young folks for their enjoyment, I noticed a young married lady hand her six month old babe to her spouse (Louis Durst) and took her seat at the instrument, and played and sang the "West Virginia Hills," with fine effect accompanied with a number of the best voices present. The

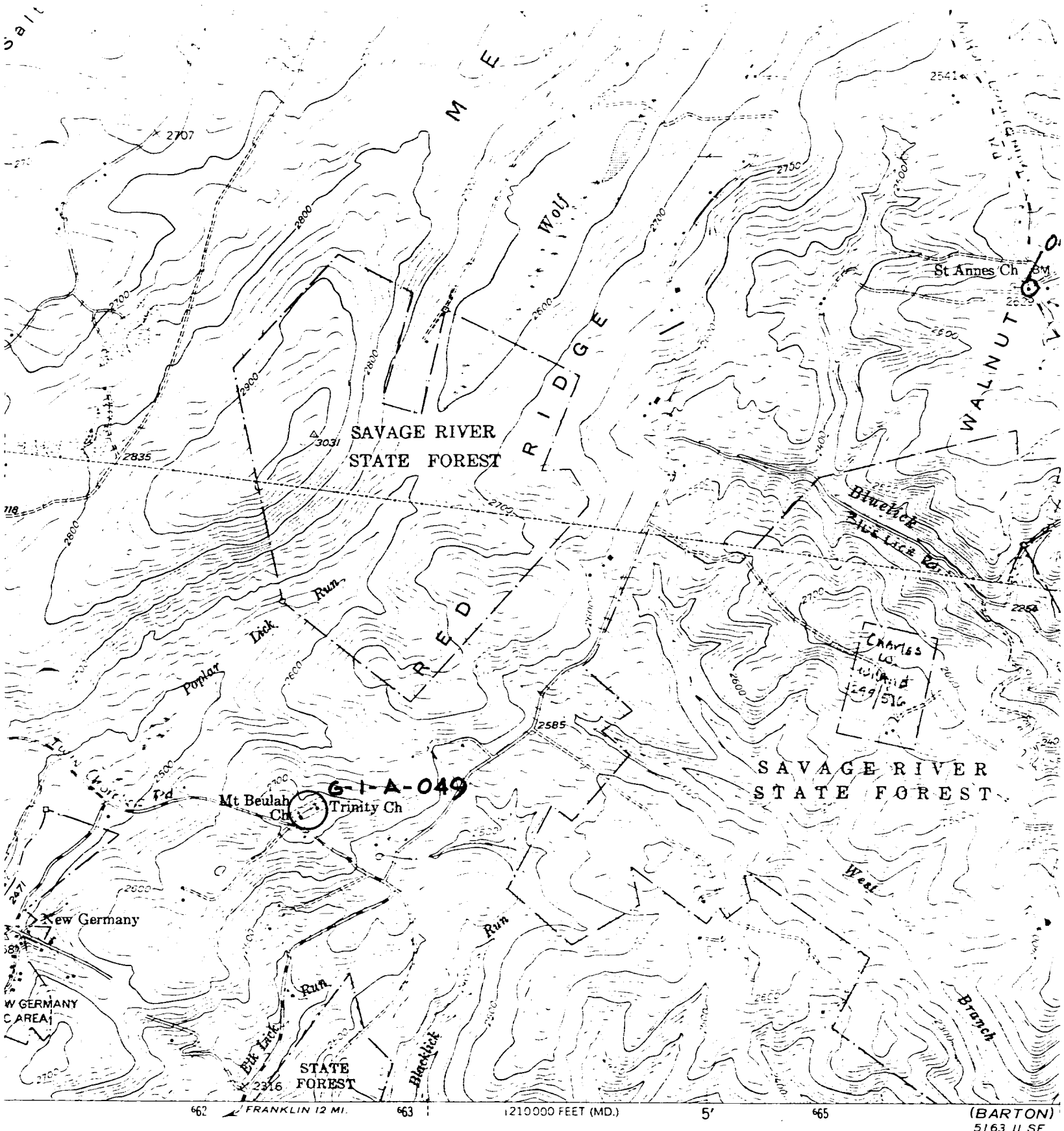
song was, no doubt, the lady's favorite, as she hails from the hills she so vocalized.

We had the satisfaction of meeting a number of old friends and acquaintances, and many young ones. Among the former, the venerable Amos Broadwater, in his 88th year, hail, hearty and active, with a wife in the same plight, with whom he says he has lived in peace for 67 years. This is extraordinary indeed, 8 years more and the venerable pair will celebrate their diamond wedding, a thing so rare as to be almost beyond occurrence. We failed to see the genial face of Patrick Dorsey, a life long friend, but met two of his charming daughters, and also two bright sons, one a medical student of the University in Baltimore.

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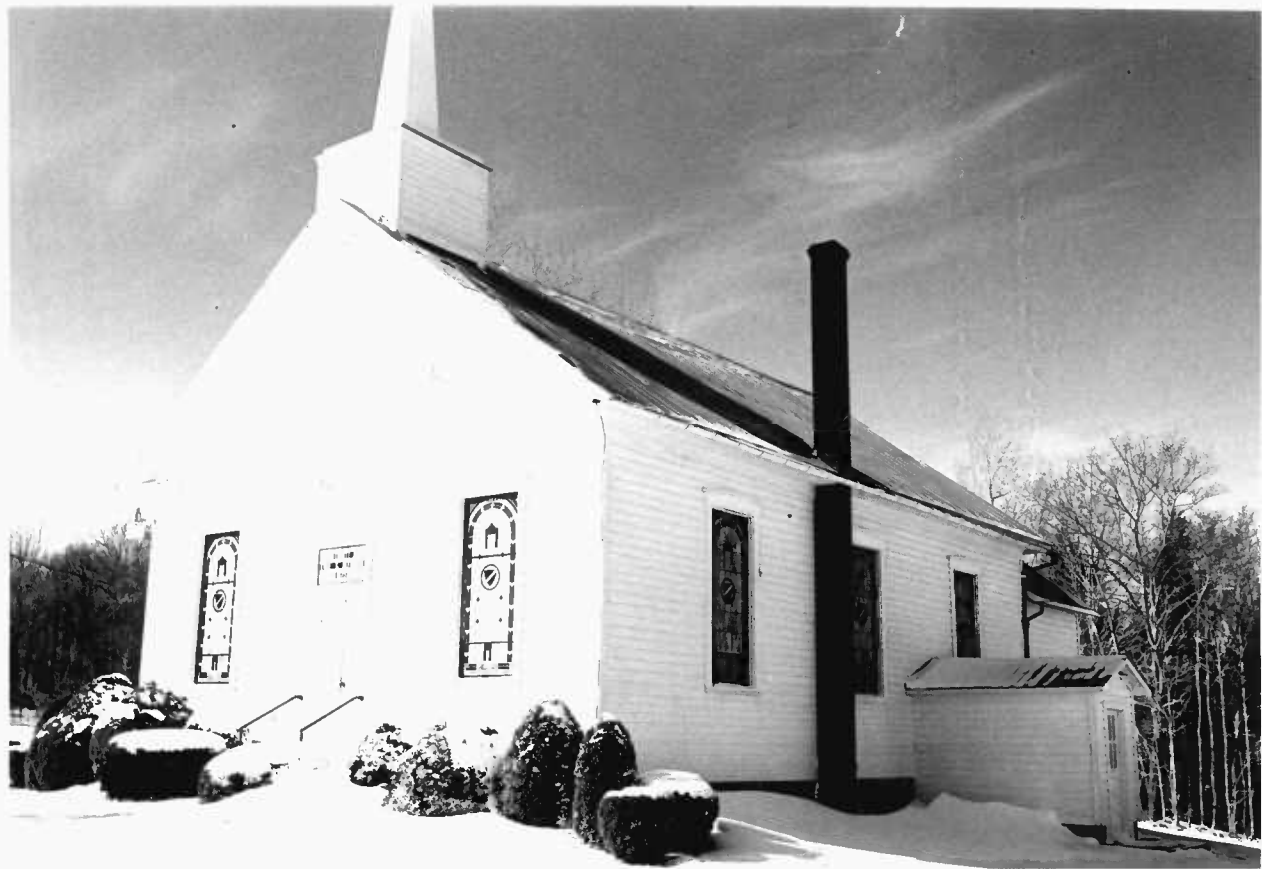
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 The Twin Churches
 Twin Churches Road, N side, approx.
 1/2 mile W of Lower New Germany Road



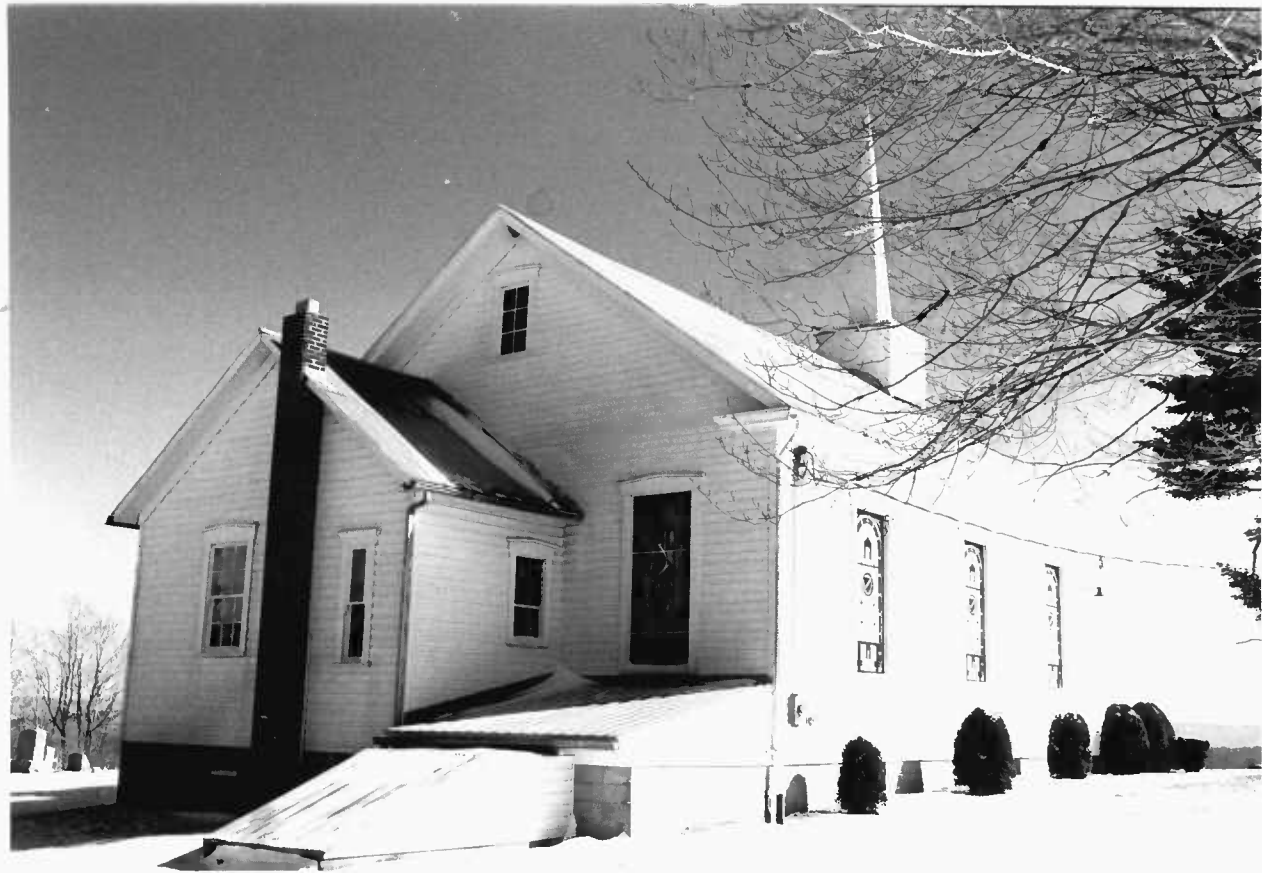
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Trinity Church (Twin Churches)

Garrett Co., MD

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Facade: NE & SE elevations



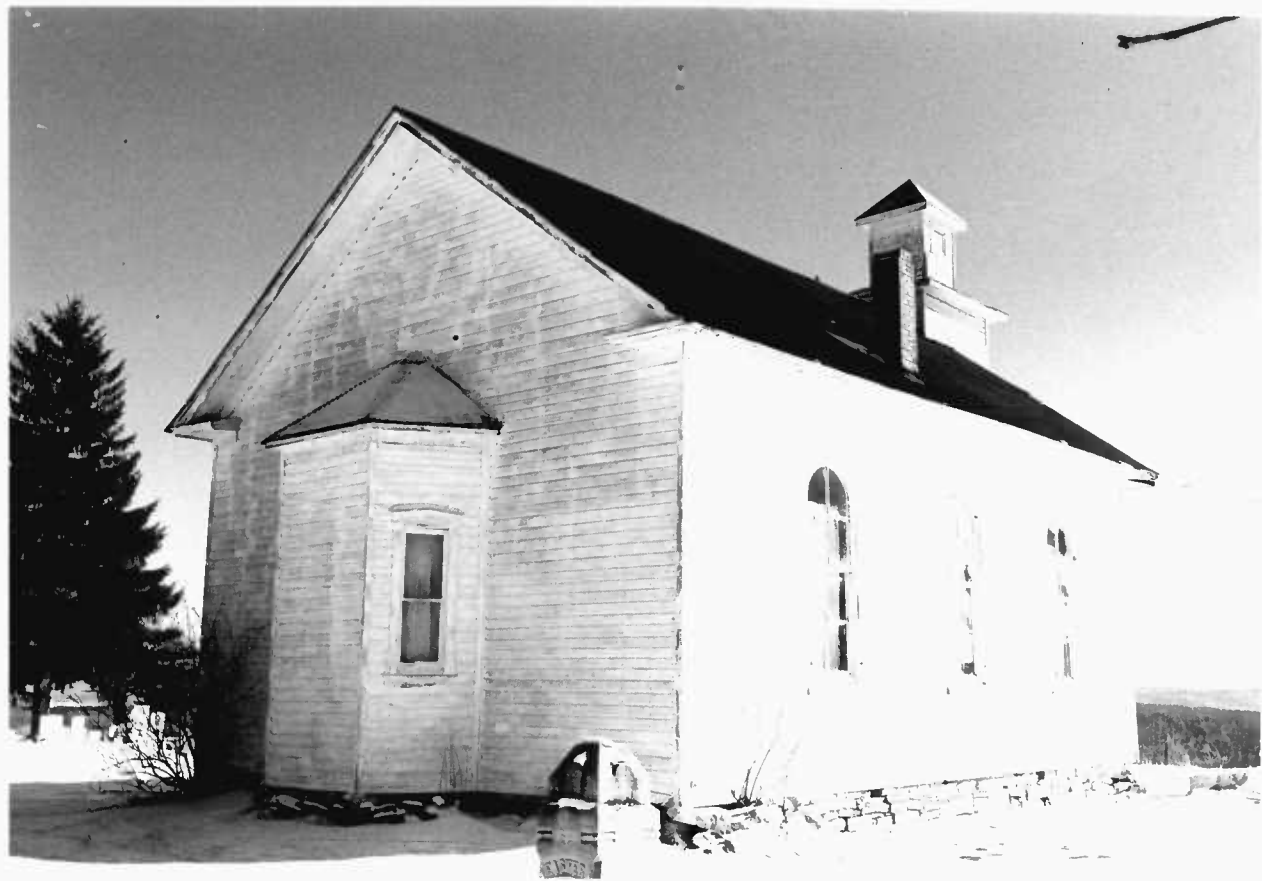
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Trinity Church (Twin Churches)

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Rear: NW & SW elevations



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Mt. Beulah Church (Twin Churches)

Garrett Co., MD

V. Cesna 2-5-81

Rear: NW & SW elevation

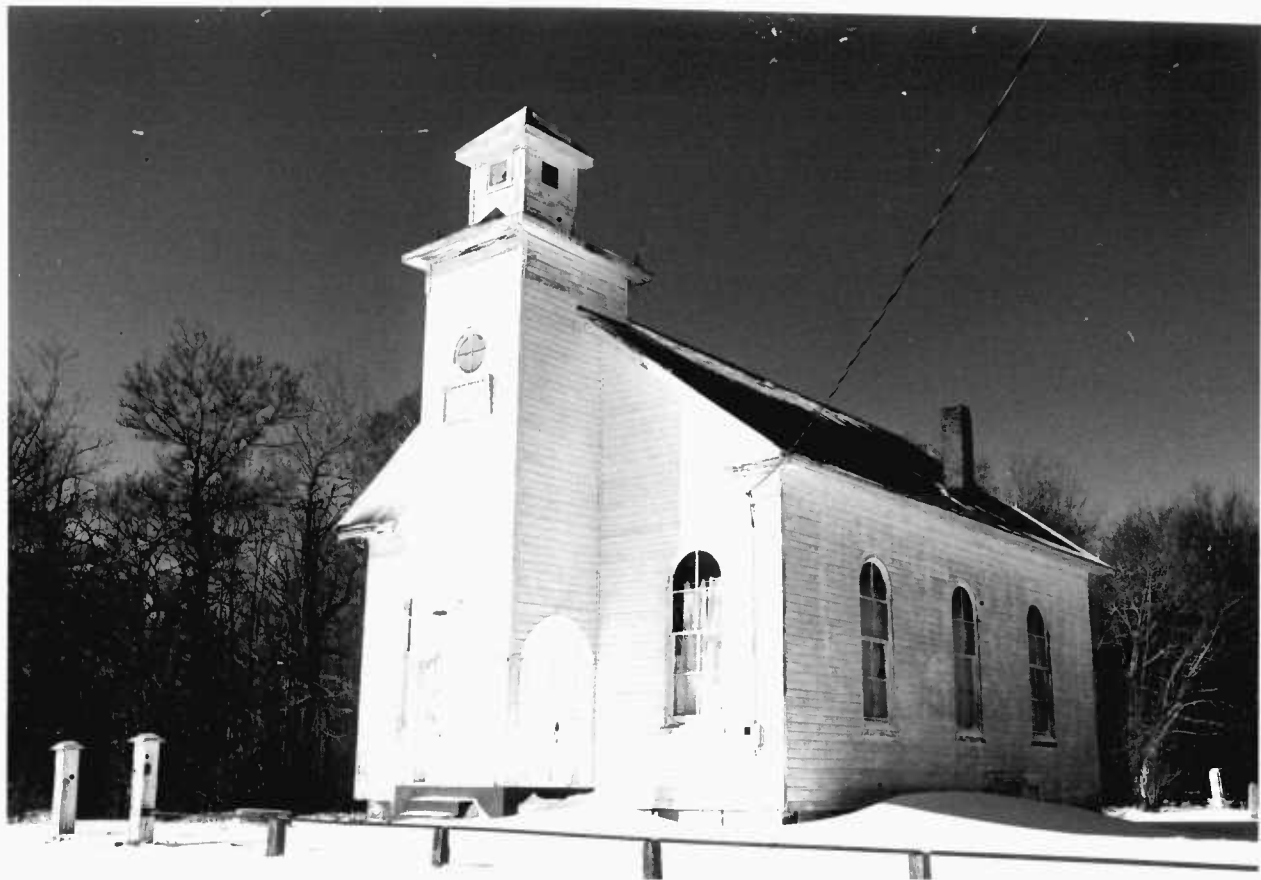


FIGURE 134.

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Mt. Beulah Church (Twin Churches)

Garrett Co., MD

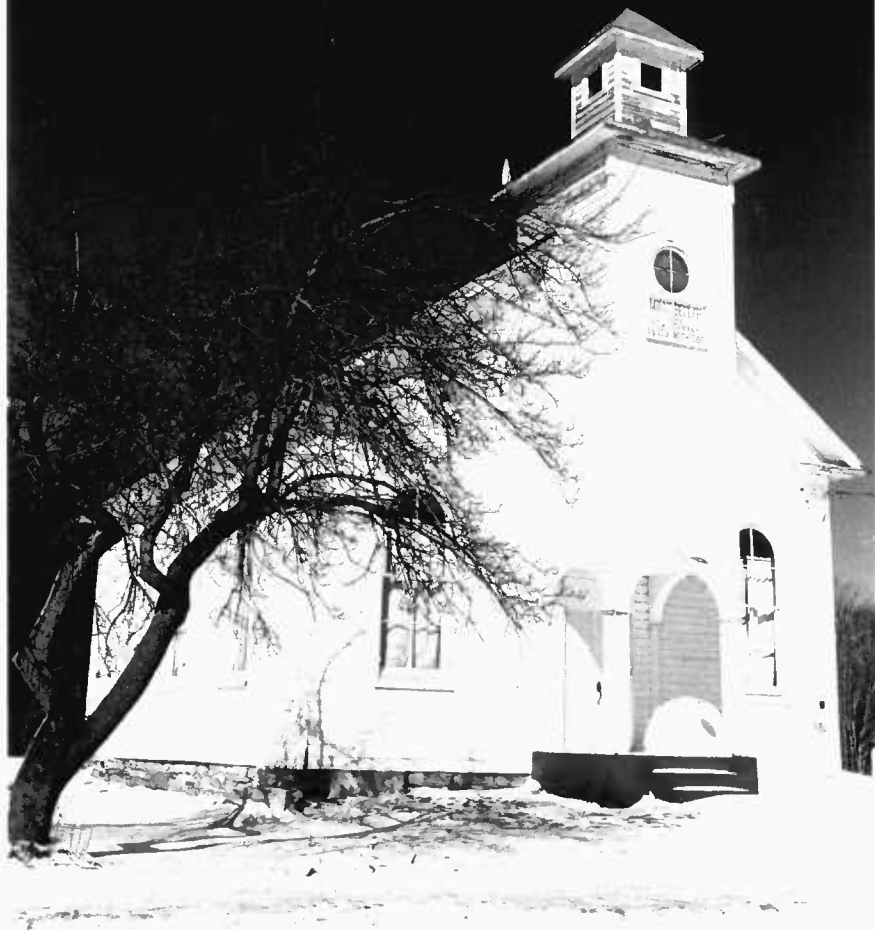
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Facade SE & NE elevations



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TRINITY CHURCH (TWIN CHURCHES)

FIGURE 185.



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MOUNT BEULAH



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Trinity Church (Twin Churches)

Garrett Co., MD

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